

1955

April 7, 1955

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, April 7, 1955 at 4:00 o'clock.

The following members were present:

Athens-Clarke County

Richard Bloodworth
W.W. Weir
Mrs. Frank Dudley
Judge Arthur Oldham
Mrs. J.W. Bailey
Mrs. Bob Stephens
Troutman Wilson

Library Staff

Sarah Maret
June Brice
Julian Aiken
Mrs. Marion Bramlett

Oconee County

Mrs. Hussey Downs

No representatives of the Madison County or Oglethorpe County Library Boards were present. Mr. E.F. Miller, representative from the Gerstnslager Company of Wooster, Ohio was introduced to the Board members. He discussed with the group the Gerstnslager bookmobile bodies and answered numerous questions concerning these bodies. Two sets of specifications, one for the Trailblazer and one for the Pioneer were signed and left with the librarian. The cost of either bookmobile would be just under \$6,000.00. The Board discussed the possibility of buying a new bookmobile for the region. Mr. Wilson suggested that we first find out which other companies make bookmobile bodies and secure prices, before settling on a Gerstnslager. The Chairman appointed Mr. Wilson to secure this information.

Since the re-sale value of the present unit is extremely low, it was recommended that the library keep it for use as a Negro Bookmobile or for other service as may be needed in the region.

The Director pointed out that the cost of a new bookmobile might be prorated among the four counties in the same manner as the present bookmobile budget; i.e. Clarke, Oglethorpe and Madison Counties bearing $26 \frac{2}{3}\%$ of the cost, with Oconee bearing 20% of the cost.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret

Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

At a later date the Chairman chose the following to serve on the Bookmobile Committee:

Clarke County

Thomas H. Milner, Jr.
W.W. Weir

Oglethorpe County

Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss
Mrs. L.V. Chafin

Oconee County

Mrs. Hussey Downs
Mrs. Greer Zuber

Madison County

Mrs. H.G. Banister
J.K. Brookshire

April 14, 1955

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, April 14, 1955 at 5:00 o'clock.

The following members were present: Richard Bloodworth, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Judge Arthur Oldham. Also Sarah Maret.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Richard Bloodworth. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Two proposed changes in the Athens-Clarke County Library Constitution were read to the board. These were as follows:

Article III - The Governing Body

The governing body shall be a Board of Trustees not to exceed thirty members, who are to be recommended by the trustees and appointed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Athens and the Board of Commissioners of Clarke County for terms of five years. The Board will hold regular quarterly meetings and called meetings as may be deemed necessary.

Article IV

The officers shall be Chairman, Vice-chairman, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer. The duties of these officers shall be those which usually appertain to the offices to which they have been elected.

It was moved by Judge Oldham and seconded by Mrs. Dudley that the amendments as read be adopted. Motion was carried.

The Chairman appointed Mrs. Frank Dudley to serve as Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall and Troutman Wilson were appointed to serve with her.

A resolution on the death of our beloved member, Morton Hodgson was read by the Chairman. A period of silent meditation was observed after the reading of the resolution.

The secretary read a letter from Mayor Wells thanking the Board for their participation in the activities which helped to make the visit of Mr. Terzopoulos of Athens, Greece a pleasant one.

The librarian gave her report. She called attention to the progress of the library during the past year and to the varied activities engaged in by the library.

Mrs. Dudley reported on the recent improvements that had been made in the garden. She said that Mr. Belling Jones, Jr. had given two cast iron benches to the garden in memory of Mr. Hodgson. These benches were assembled and painted by the University Chevrolet Co., under the direction of Troutman Wilson. The Junior Ladies Garden Club had contributed \$75.00 to the Library Donation Fund to use for improvements in the garden. Three additional cast iron benches had been bought at a cost of \$46.35. Several pieces of shrubbery from Evergreen Landscape Service had been purchased and planted. A planting trough, costing \$15.69, had been built around the fountain. Mr. Craig Orr had set out several pieces of shrubbery, pruned the plants injured by the recent cold weather and had fertilized the shrubbery and grass.

Mrs. Mendenhall reported that she was interested in having the regional library extend its services to the blind of our community. It was the opinion of the group that this would be a very good service for the library to render and the Chairman asked Mrs. Mendenhall to follow up the idea.

A report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Chairman. Serving on the committee were W.W.Weir, Troutman Wilson and Mrs. Bob Stephens.

Officers nominated were:

Chairman - Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
V.Chairman - Mrs. Frank Dudley
Treasurer - Thomas H. Milner, Jr.

It was moved by Mrs. Mendenhall that the Nominating Committee's Report be adopted as read. Motion seconded by Judge Oldham. Motion carried. Nominations were made from the floor for recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Sarah Maret was nominated for recording secretary and Troutman Wilson for Recording Secretary. These names were voted on and elected.

The Chairman suggested that the members be thinking of a new member or possibly two to be added to the Board.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah C Maret
Secretary

September 12, 1955

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, September 12, 1955 at 5 o'clock.

The following members were present: Richard Bloodworth, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Milner. Also present was Sarah Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Bloodworth.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Mendenhall of the plans by the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education to sponsor a series of discussions on "Europe in Crisis and asked the support of the library and of the library board.

Mrs. Dudley reported that the Junior Ladies Garden Club had adopted the library garden as its permanent project. She gave a detailed financial report of the expenditures from the Donation Fund and reported a balance of \$320.75 in this fund. She reported some of her plans for planting the garden in the fall.

Mr. Milner reported that he had been approached by members of the Presbyterian Church to see if the church might use the library on Sunday morning for Sunday School purposes. Mr. Milner moved that the Board reassert its policy of not permitting the use of the library building for Sunday School purposes on Sunday morning.. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bailey. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the raising of funds for the purchase of a new bookmobile. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the Athens-Clarke County Library Board recommend to the Regional Library Board the purchase of a new bookmobile with each county paying its share. The motion was seconded and carried. It was further recommended by Mrs. Mendenhall that Chairman Bloodworth and Mr. Wier contact the County Commissioners and ask them to contribute Clarke County's share of the cost.

The Director reported that a new librarian, Mrs. Louise Robinson, had been added to the bookmobile staff on September 1. She is replacing Mrs. Bramlett who has moved to Savannah.

Permission was granted by the Board to the Director to secure someone to fill the position of Children's Librarian, which is vacant.

A cost of living supplement for staff members was discussed. Mr. Milner moved that a supplement of 7% be given to the locally paid staff members, provided funds were available in the treasury, this supplement to cover the 6 months period, January-June, 1955. The Director reported that this would cost the library approximately \$500.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stephens. Motion carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah & Maret
Director and Secretary

December 14, 1955

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met on Wednesday afternoon, December 14, 1955 at 5 o'clock at the library.

Members present were: Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. J.W. Bailey, W.W. Wier and Sarah Maret. The Chairman Richard Bloodworth called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Martha Jean Bryan to the Children's Department.

The budget for 1956 was presented and discussed. Mr. Wier moved that the budget be approved by those present and that it be submitted for approval to a sufficient number of Board Members to constitute a majority of a quorum. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Board voted that the library should be closed for the Christmas holidays, December 24, 25, and 26. Also it voted that the library be closed for the New Years holidays on January 1 and 2.

It was pointed out that three Board Members' terms expire in February, 1956. Members whose terms expire are: Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mr. Abit Nix and Mrs. T.H. McHatton. It was recommended that the Chairman write to the Mayor and Council and ask for the re-appointment of these members for a term of five years. The Chairman reported that he would do this.

Mr. Wier moved that a supplement of the same amount as was given last year to the staff be given again this year, provided funds are available. The treasurer is to be consulted. The supplement as set up was \$15.00 for Branch Librarians and \$25.00 for the staff members at the headquarters library. Motion was seconded and carried.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret
Director and Secretary